

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 85-99 and 121-123 without prejudice.

There is an amendment to claim 113.

Claim Listing:

1. – 84. (canceled without prejudice).

85. - 99. (canceled without prejudice).

100. (previously submitted) An apparatus comprising:

a body defining a chamber for carrying a combustible liquid and having an open upper end;

first and second plates arranged in a spaced, confronting relationship with lower portions located within the chamber of the body;

the first plate is a planar sheet and has substantially more surface area than the second plate;

the second plate has a first leg and a second leg; the first leg is vertically aligned with respect to the horizontally aligned second leg;

the first plate is joined to the second plate along an outer edge of the first leg of the second plate;

a sheet wick, which has a lower end located in the chamber of the body for contacting the combustible liquid, is sandwiched between the first plate and the first and the second legs of the second plate;

the sheet wick is free of material having a high heat conductivity; and

the sheet wick has an upper end, which projects upwardly from the first plate and the first leg of the second plate.

101. (previously submitted) The apparatus of claim 100 wherein the plates are rectangular or square.

102. (previously submitted) The apparatus of claim 100 wherein the plates are made of metal, ceramic or plastic.

103. (previously submitted) The apparatus of claim 100 wherein the plates display a design, decoration or color on a flat side of the first plate.

104. (previously submitted) The apparatus of claim 100 wherein the wick has a core lining or stiffening agent.

105. (previously submitted) The apparatus of claim 100 wherein the wick is a rigid, sheet wick.

106. (previously submitted) The apparatus of claim 100 further comprising a plurality of clips positioned on side edges of the first and second plates to sandwich the sheet wick between the plates.

107. (previously submitted) The apparatus of claim 106 wherein at least one of the clips has a top portion extending above and curved over the upper portion of the wick, side flanges

configured to hold the first and second plates and the wick together, and a bottom portion positioned in the chamber of the body.

108. (previously submitted) The apparatus of claim 100 wherein the first and second plates are configured to hold the wick such that the upper portion of the wick forms a selected decorative shape as viewed from above.

109. (previously submitted) The apparatus of claim 100 wherein the selected decorative shape is selected from a group consisting of line, arc, circle, square, triangle, heart, and alpha-numeric shapes.

110. (previously submitted) The apparatus of claim 100 wherein the combustible liquid includes a fragrance.

111. (previously submitted) The apparatus of claim 100 wherein the combustible liquid includes an air purifying fuel.

112. (previously submitted) The apparatus of claim 100 wherein the wick is made of an inorganic fibrous material.

113. (**presently amended**) An apparatus comprising:

a container for containing a combustible liquid; the container having an open upper end;
a sheet wick;

a support structure connected to the container and adapted to hold the sheet wick upright in the container such that an upper end of the sheet wick extends above a top surface of the combustible liquid in the container;

the container has a floor and the support structure is mounted to and extends up from the floor;

the container includes an outwardly and perpendicularly extending ledge about a top perimeter of the container;

the ledge includes heat and fragrance releasing holes; and

the heat and fragrance releasing holes are oriented substantially perpendicular to the open upper end of the container.

114. (previously submitted) The oil lamp apparatus of claim 113 wherein the wick is a solid mineral wick with fiber material.

115. (previously submitted) The oil lamp apparatus of claim 114 wherein the fiber material is fiberglass, graphite, polyamide, or polyethylene.

116. (previously submitted) The oil lamp apparatus of claim 113 wherein the wick is a solid, permeable, stone wick.

117. (previously submitted) The oil lamp apparatus of claim 113 wherein the wick is a solid mineral wick with fiber material.

118. (previously submitted) The oil lamp apparatus of claim 113 wherein the container is made of metal, ceramic or plastic.

119. (previously submitted) The oil lamp apparatus of claim 113 wherein the support structure is made of wood, metal, ceramic, glass, plastic or cardboard.

120. (previously submitted) The oil lamp apparatus of claim 113 wherein the wick is a porous organic material.

121. – 123. (cancel without prejudice).